30th December 1953]

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Does the Hon. the Chief Minister know that the hunger-strike of the prisoners just now mentioned was resorted to not for release but only for release on bail? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir, it was definitely for release altogether. I wish it were only for release on bail as stated. But there is no question of release on bail after conviction, when there is no appeal."

SRI MOHAMAD RAZA KHAN :—" May I know who is responsible for effecting this radical change over these people who have left violence altogether and have taken to constitutional agitation either outside or within the Legislatures? Who has brought about this magical change, Sir, in their minds? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think the hon. Gentleman Mr. Gurunandan Row was making a mistake confusing some other hunger-strike of some prisoners with the present one. The prisoners involved in the present case went on a hunger-strike after refusing to appeal against their conviction and for total release. I am glad to say that they have given it up under the advice of their party leaders. But as regards Balathandayutham I cannot say anything definitely. I have no information on hand whether he had accepted the advice of his party or not. I wish he accept his party's advice. It is possible.

As regards the supplementary question as to what had been responsible for the change in the party's attitude, I think experience and wisdom come to ordinary human beings in course of time in every case."

Allotment of non-Andhra personnel to Andhra State.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government propose to follow any principle of age group among the non-Andhra personnel to be allotted to the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The allocation of officers to the Andhra State was made in accordance with the policy which was endorsed by both the Houses of the Legislature of the composite State. Non-Andhras were taken only to the extent that was considered unavoidable by the Special Officer for Andhra affairs and his Committee consisting of three Andhra leaders. The question of taking Non-Andhra officers in different age groups did not, therefore, generally arise. In regard to the All-India Services, however, an attempt was made to take, as far as possible, officers at different levels of seniority."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether there was any similar arrangement between the residuary Madras State and Mysore State with regard to transfer of personnel to either State? For instance, taking Bellary district,

[30th December 1953

which was handed over to Mysore Government without their request, may I know whether there was any understanding between Madras and Mysore in regard to transfer of personnel?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There was no discussion in the Committee on that part of the matter. But every attempt is being made to accommodate the Mysore Government in a proper way. I think there has been fairly easy disposal of the difficulties and the matter is still pending. If the hon. Member were to put a separate question, I will be able to answer with better information."

11-10 a.m. SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I ask the Hon. the Chief Minister whether the Andhra State responded by adopting a policy of reciprocity in regard to Tamilian officers, if any, in the Andhra State? What is the attitude of the Andhra Government towards them? Is it on the lines of the attitude of this Government, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question and the answer related to non-Andhra officers in Andhra."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" I am talking of Tamilian officers in the Andhra State, if there are any."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have answered about non-Andhra officers including the Tamilian officers in the Andhra State and I have given the correct information. I do not exactly follow what the hon. Member has in his mind."

Reorganization of the Madras Secretariat.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of clerks affected by the recent reorganization of the Madras Secretariat?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No clerk appointed regularly has been affected by the recent reorganization of the Secretariat. About 75 clerks appointed under the emergency provisions had to be ousted immediately after the reorganization, but almost all of them have since been absorbed in temporary vacancies."

Subsidy to Rural Medical Practitioners of Modern Medicine.

* 24 *Q.*—DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to increase the subsidy given to the Rural Medical Practitioners of Modern Medicine?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the negative."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know how many rural dispensaries have been closed during this year for want of Rural Medical Practitioners on account of poor subsidy?"